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San Wong, Director

Juvenile Reentry Task Force Meeting

Jessie Parker Building
510 E. 12th Street, Knudsen Room
Des Moines, IA 50319

July 30, 2015

Present: Ralph Allbee; Amy Carpenter; Jim Chesnik; Ashton Hampton; Kristi Judkins; Jessica Kropf; Jesse Behrends for Brett Lawrence; Richard Clark for Charles Levine; Steve Miller; Lettie Prell; John Spinks; Harrison Ulrich; Susan Walkup

Staff: Steve Michael, CJJP Administrator; Nate Connealy; Dave Kuker; Julie Rinker; Laura Roeder-Grubb

Others: Jim Swaim, Facilitator; Anna Hyatt-Crozier, House Democratic Caucus Staff; Zac Little, Intern with Department of Corrections

- **Call to Order, Welcome/Introductions, and Overview of Day**

Steve Michael called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance at 8:38 a.m.

Jim Swaim noted that the purpose of the meeting was to review the final plan and action steps. If necessary, changes could still be submitted to OJJDP. The day's focus was to:

- Identify what work can be implemented at no cost until the funding award is announced
- identify audiences that should be informed/aware of the project

- **Minutes – June 11th Meeting**

Amy Carpenter moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting, seconded by John Spinks. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Review of Final Proposal**

Nate Connealy reviewed the reentry plan and action steps. Blue highlighted action steps signified a no-cost or currently existing step.

The following highlights discussion:

- The final document will be on CJJP's website. State Court Administration and the Department of Education should also include a link to the report.
- A list of acronyms should be included.
- The budget includes: Youth Transition Development Model; video conferencing at residential facilities and each judicial district; coordinator salary, Multi-dimensional

Family Therapy (MDFT) at the State Training School; technology enhancements to ICIS (Iowa Courts Information System); training for year one, year two may require additional funding.

- Performance measures should be 'public friendly'/easy to understand.
- Ways to distribute information:
 - United Way, DeCat boards, AMP, victim groups, PTO's, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Pilot, Lions Clubs, Twitter/Facebook, Iowa Foster Care Association; NPR; Iowa Public TV/Radio
- CJJP can only post its data, Education can only post its data, etc. A data dashboard could solve this issue.
- Reporting requirements should be posted.
- Need a mechanism to collect youth progress.
- AMP youth should present at judges and/or JCO conferences. Youth at the State Training School should present information to other youth at the school.

Members identified action steps their agency could implement during August and September:

- State Training School—develop a way to share assessment information with CJJP
- Providers—inform families of the reentry program services
- Education—make schools aware of placements to insure the timely transfer of student records. Amend DHS MOU to allow data sharing and standardize practice.
- IWD/Voc Rehab—currently, the application form is printable, but cannot be completed online. Standardize practices so that JCS and residential facilities work to set up appointments and assist youth in filling out the form prior to release.
- Youth/young adult members—share knowledge of the services available.
- CASA—Appoint advocates to youth in/out of placement and provide assistance to interested youth over age 18. Determine who is eligible for reentry services and meet with volunteers. A reentry pilot is currently in place in Polk County. Appeal for legislative changes to serve the population of delinquent youth statewide.
- DHS—continued training regarding suspension versus termination of Title XIX.
- AMP—educate youth on YTDM, resources, and reentry program. Meet with AMP youth to identify/propose legislation and share stories with legislators.
- CJJP—assist in the provision of information to group care providers and JCO's regarding services available through IHH (Integrate Health Homes); interweave this initiative with other projects and strengthen sustainability.
- **Next Step:**
 - **Communication**—legislators, constituencies, providers, young people, their families. Groups include IHH, Workforce, Title XIX, CASA. Others?
 - **IHH, Workforce, XIX, CASA, etc.**

Swaim asked members to consider what should be included in the rollout/celebration/kickoff. Dave Kuker noted that it would most likely be held once a coordinator is hired, probably after the first of the year.

Swaim complimented task force members. He stated it was a privilege to work with the project. The plan will help young people tremendously. He closed the meeting with the following questions:

When thinking about the overall project/action plan, what are some of the key sections? Education, partnerships, performance measures, communication

What words stand out? Collaboration, transition, effective, continue

Who do you envision when reading the plan? Youth, decision makers, staff

What area has been hard to move? Education and transfer of credits

What was scary? How to infect others with passion, creating a sense of urgency in others,

What's exciting? Assistance when returning home, employment opportunities, getting a team onboard, getting students to think about what they can do

Where do you see the plan playing out? Bigger cities, training school, Des Moines

Who will really move this along? Juvenile Court, community members, AEA, parents, CJJP staff

What one thing do you want to see on the agenda of the first “implementation task force” meeting? Establishing and standardizing youth transition meetings, an overview of where we are and where we're going

- **Next meeting - September 24 - Swaim – VandenBerg**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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